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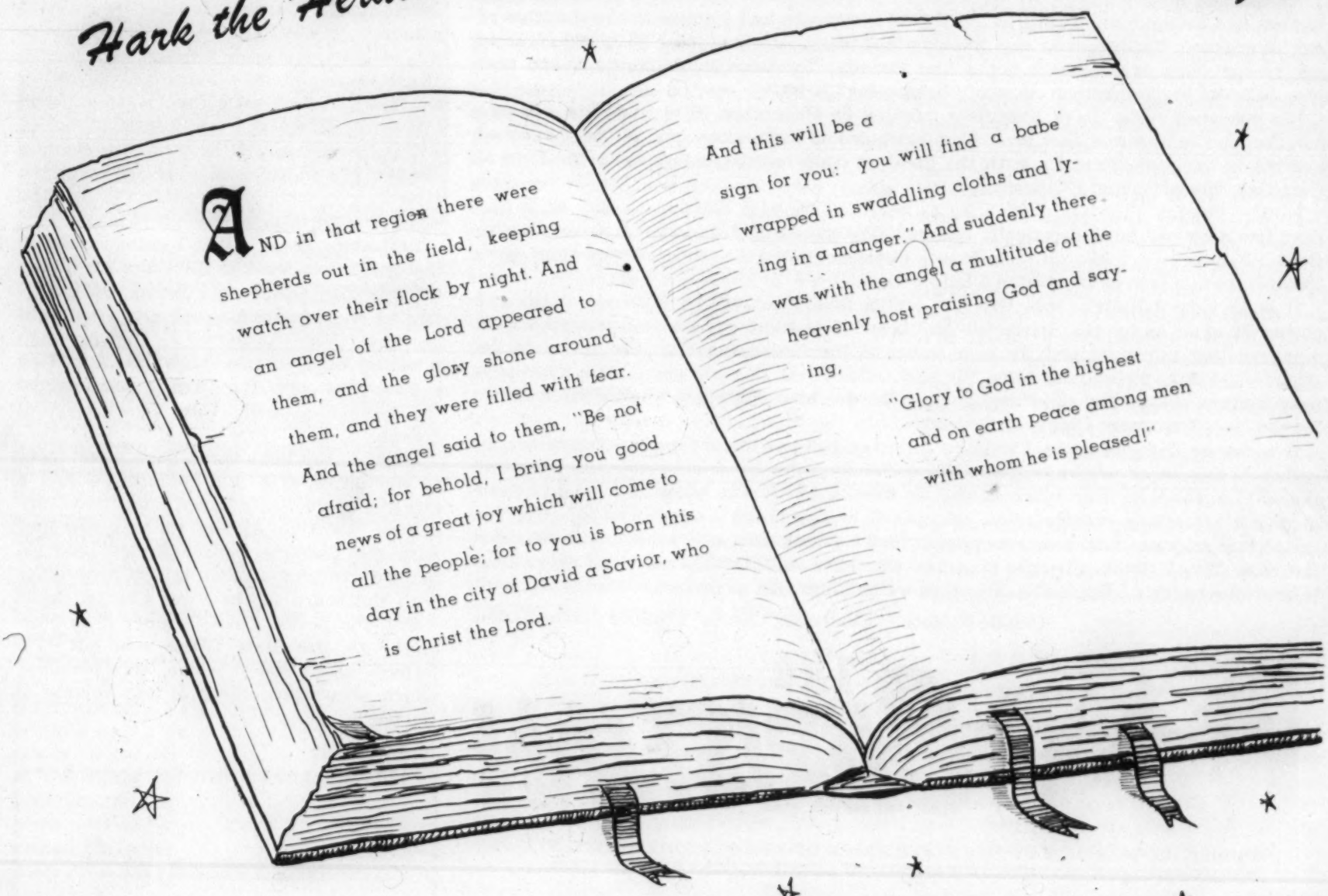
Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Away in a Manger


AND in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.
And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,
"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"

Silent Night

O Little Town of Bethlehem

The First Noel

Joy to the World

The EDITOR Speaks

RALPH C. NEILL

AN OPEN LETTER TO YOU . . . . Guest Editorial

Dear Friends:

Not all members of the State Finance Commission could be present at the recent meeting of the State Board at Menucha. Those present at one or more sessions were: Orin L. Soule, William Siefke, Ansel Hyland, Kenneth Johnston, Orville Mick, and W. H. Lyman and Charles Addleman, our two ex-officio members, plus many visitors.

During those days of earnest prayers and hard work, seven recommendations were brought to the State Board, of which six were accepted.

Due to circumstances that have developed since the Menucha meeting, I feel impelled to fore-go any further remarks just now concerning that conference. A more important matter is at hand that demands major consideration.

At the last of September, we were desperate for finances as July, August and September had brought small returns. Both Newell Morgan and I wrote to the churches of our emergency. The response was immediate. During October, some $5,300.00 came to our rescue. This gave us high hopes that Oregon Christians would continue and that they believed in our common cause of "Oregon for Christ."

We convened for a State Executive meeting on November 18 to find that finances had dropped back to the July level. This has given us serious concern. We have reached a crisis in our state program with the greatest opportunities before us in the field of Christian Education and Evangelism.

Notice! Oregon churches must arise as never before with popular support or, in the next few days, we must drastically retrench. We have called two men from good positions. Shall we so quickly tell them to look elsewhere when we really do need their services if this state is to be reached in a larger way?

It is so very definitely true that we cannot do God's work by our own might and power. It must be by His Spirit. We had hoped that the conference at Menucha with many visiting ministers and the two teams of the Convention On Wheels would lift the level of our spiritual thinking. We still believe that this will come. Join us in constant sincere prayer and sacrificial giving that this hour shall pass to a brighter future for the New Testament Church in Oregon.

If a change does not come, I shall be forced to call our State Finance Committee together in December urging that curtailment of the work be recommended to the State Board at once. A further deficit cannot be tolerated with any sense of justice to those involved. After long consideration, reluctantly and painfully I am forced to write you this. Your response last year was phenomenal but not adequate to meet the enlarged program. May I thank all those churches who have so faithfully tried and are willing to continue in their cooperation. Together we build for God in Oregon.

Orville F. Mick Chairman, State Finance Commission

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ADDING UP ACTIVITIES OF ADDLEMAN

This report of activities is from October 19 through November 19.

The first two days were spent in Nyssa calling on members of the congregation and in conferences. Returning to Portland a day was spent in the office with two conferences. A day was spent in Eugene in confences and then attended the reception at First Church in Springfield honoring Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Worden, the new pastor and wife. The last Sunday of October was spent at Portland Southeast Church where I brought both the morning and evening sermons.

Part of the next day was spent in the office then to Menucha for the State Board planning retreat. Thursday and Friday of this week were spent in the office with two conferences. The morning of November 1 was spent with the Garden Road Church in Salem and I preached at the St. Johns Church in Portland at the evening service. November 2-12 were spent in the field as a member and leader of one of the teams on the Convention on Wheels.

Returning to the office, I spent Friday in the office then went to Silverton for a conference with the church board. On Saturday we went to Lorane and spent the night on the Glen Robertson's Ranch, then preached at both services at Lorane. Had a good visit with the Greens and enjoyed the fellowship with this growing rural church.

Most of the next three days were spent in the office with two conferences and a meeting of the State Board Executive Committee. Went to Albany for a conference with the Eastside Church leaders and remained over for a meeting and conference with the board of the First Church there.

For the period from October 1 to November 15, the State Office sent out 1140 letters—about 400 of which were personal, which shows something of the volume of the work.

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DECEMBER 23
News and Picture
DEADLINE

MARKS OF AN EDUCATED MAN

1. He cultivates an open mind. 2. He always listens to the one who knows. 3. He never laughs at new ideas. 4. He knows the secret of getting along with other people. 5. He cultivates the habit of success. 6. He links himself with a just cause. 7. He knows it is never too late to learn.

Mrs. E. Pearl Finley

NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN HOME HAS NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. E. Pearl Finley was recently secured to become the Superintendent at the Northwestern Christian Home for the aged at Beaverton, replacing Miss Mary E. Phillips who, after serving in that capacity for a number of years, resigned and closed her work at the beginning of October.

Mrs. Finley is proving very capable and efficient in her work at the Home and is well liked by members of the Home family and staff.

The Home is operating at full capacity and has several on the waiting list. The International Convention last summer brought over a thousand visitors from many places in the United States. The suppport of the Home through offerings and budgeted amounts showed a healthy improvement over the year before. Every one who helped our work this past year is thanked daily for what you have done for this Christian cause.

Supplies for Christmas offerings have been mailed to the churches. If you do not have sufficient supplies write to the Home, 1058 Johnson Road, Beaverton, Oregon.

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Carpenter Pete says it isn't unusual for a husband to follow his wife's direction to the letter . . . and then forget to mail it.

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Carpenter Pete says the fellow who goes through life looking for something soft will usually find it under his hat.

DO WE WANT A NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH IN OREGON?

—By Charles H. Addleman

I presume this question seems foolish to many of our readers of The Oregon Christian. Yet in all seriousness, I ask you this question. Many at first thought will say, "we already have it." I ask you, does it make a church a New Testament Church just because we preach and practice the scriptural steps into Christ, or say we have no creed but Christ, or have the name Christian Church, or Church of Christ printed in large letters over the church door, or on the corner stone? I agree that we may have many of the characteristics of the New Testament Church, but are we really following all the pattern as revealed?

I believe we should give attention to a few things that to me seem as far removed from New Testament teaching as some of the denominations we are prone to criticize. One of the tendencies is to over play the word, local church. How often is it used in Paul's letters? Our jealousy over local independence is, and has created a philosophy that separates rather than unifies the church as the Body of Christ. We have developed the spirit of a lot of little denominations rather than the spirit of oneness as revealed in the New Testament. This is one of the reasons why we find so little interest in a cooperative work such as State Missions.

Others have the self centered interest to feel they must build and repair their own little denomination before they take seriously the expanded work of Christ. A church must learn what it is to be a good steward of finance as well as an individual. Only about half of the churches in the state had any part in the expanded program of Christ in our state last year. Many of these who had part gave only a pittance in comparison to what they gave for their own local interests. To me, this is not according to the pattern of New Testament Christianity.

Another place where we are short is in the development of church members. Often we get people through the baptistry and think the job is finished, when really our responsibility has just begun. Many are much excited about evangelism in Oregon, but are doing little to make real New Testament stewards of these we bring to Christ. One reason for this is, we have so many who have been members of the church who have no conception of what a good steward of Christ is. By example, they often stand in the way and hinder carrying out a good program of education on what a good stewardship of life is. As a result our churches are full of people who have no understanding of the Christian life. When people are not taught how to share their time, talent and finances with Christ and His program through the church we have a non effective church. This is not a church after the New Testament pattern.

If we really want a New Testament Church in Oregon we are going to have to do more than sit back and pat ourselves on the back. We must realize it will require our sharing in it in a sacrificial manner. If New Testament Christianity is preached in Oregon as we understand it, we are the ones to make it possible, or if we want more churches established after the New Testament pattern, we likewise are the people who must do it. We cannot sit back and expect other church groups to do it for us. Such groups as the Lutherans, Presbyterians, Baptists and many others are forging ahead because they feel they have a message and are willing to undergird it. We talk in loud terms, but sit back and jealously guard our local churchitis and try to find a reason why we should not support the expanded program. It seems to me the time has come when we, as a people, should either put up, or shut up. We can become a disappearing people in the state, or we can forge ahead. It all depends on whether we want to be a real New Testament people in every manner of life.

It is going to require some changed attitudes; it is going to require a better and more Christlike stewardship of finance, and it is going to require some real Christian sacrifice. I ask you the question, how much more will you have to give than you are now giving before it really becomes sacrifice? If we want a New Testament Church in Oregon, we must be willing to sacrifice. Your answer as far as our state program is concerned will be answered each month when our financial records and books are audited. Talk will never evangelize Oregon or establish new church. Do you really want a New Testament Church in Oregon?

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LANTZ ENCOURAGED WITH RECEPTION

My first six weeks in the field have been fruitful and most encouraging. I have been able to visit many more churches than I felt I ordinarily could because of the scheduled activities already planned by the State Staff. Churches are responding with calls for service which indicates interest in the program of Christian education around the state.

Oct. 4-14 — Church Visitation. I was on the team that toured Eastern Oregon

26-30 — State Board Planning Retreat, Youth Institute and Northwest Audio-Visual Workshop

Nov. 2-12 — Convention on Wheels — Valley and West Coast areas

13-14 — World Fellowship Youth Meet at Wallowa

15-16 —Interdenominational Church School Clinic — La Grande

17 — School of Christian Living at Albany

20-21 — World Fellowship Youth Meet at Forest Grove

The Northwest Christian College Male Quartet for the coming year is: Richard L. Kneeland, baritone, from Figueroa-Crenshaw Christian Church, Los Angeles, Calif; Merlin Moon, second tenor, from the Christian Church, Milton-Freewater, Oregon; Laurence Burghart, first tenor, from Fairmount Church of Christ, Eugene; Gene Swanson, bass, Figueroa-Crenshaw, Los Angeles.

NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

—By Ross J. Griffeth

The quartet (pictured above) this year is being trained by Prof. Gilbert Kistler of Northwest Christian College. The men will generally travel with Mr. E. M. Eldridge, Field Representative. The first appearance of the new quartet was at Mallory Avenue Christian Church, Portland, on November 11. This quartet will appear as frequently as possible without detriment to their regular studies at N.C.C.

"Where Do Ministers Come From?" is the title of the movie produced at Northwest Christian College under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Whisler of Christian Films, Indianapolis, Indiana. The Whislers are products of N.C.C. and are doing a valuable work in producing Christian films on various themes.

The new picture will be circulated throughout Oregon from Northwest Christian College and any church group wishing to show the picture should write for dates to Northwest Christian College as early as possible.

The picture is available for showing upon an offering basis. It is understood that the entire offering which is taken at any showing is to be sent directly to Northwest Christian College from any congregations or groups in the Northwest.

The picture has an interesting story which raises and answers the question, "Where do ministers come from?" It is a 16 mm. sound film in color. It is exceptionally well done and any group will find it both educational and entertaining as well as inspirational. The lead roll is taken by Billy Weeda, who is a Senior at Northwest Christian College and serving as youth worker with the First Christian Church of Salem while continuing his studies. Jo Anne Flanders, an N.C.C. Sophomore, plays opposite Billy is much of the story.

Others who take parts in the picture include members of the Northwest Christian College faculty and staff. Dr. Carroll C. Roberts, pastor of the Eugene First Christian Church, has an important part.

The quality of the film is such that any group would be happy to make use of it. The "World Premier" of the film was at Eugene First Christian Church, November 22, 1953.

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The fall term of school at N.C.C. is to end on December 19. The winter term begins January 4, 1954. Most work of enrollment will be completed in advance of the close of the fall term but new students can enroll at the opening of the winter term. Any who plan to enter for the winter term should contact the school at once.

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Members of the Northwest Christian College Faculty will present the Northwest Christian College New Testament Lectures during the Oregon Preachers Parliament this year. The Parliament, scheduled for January 12, 13, 14, 1954, begins with an evening session on the 12th. Any who wish to attend the evening sessions may do so. Titles of the several lectures will be announced later.

Faculty members who will give lectures in the series are: Wm. Richardson, Lawrence Bixler, Ward A. Rice, Guy J. Wright, Wm. Siefke, Ross J. Griffeth. The purpose is to set forth in scholarly but appealing manner some of the New Testament teachings and their significance in our plea for Christian unity on the basis and authority of the New Testament. The lectures will appear in book form at a later date.

CONVENTION ON WHEELS

From November 2-12, two teams covered 20 areas of the state taking the message and program of State Missions to the represented in these meetings. The victor- churches. Eighty three congregations were ies of last year's expanded program were reviewed and the program for this year was placed in forceful manner by diferent members of the teams. Our work is well planned for this year so as to overcome some of the errors of last year when the expanded program was young in vision and short in reality. These errors in judgment have been corrected and the work is ready to move ahead for better service.

We now have the leadership to direct the on-going work in church development through Christian education under the capable leadership of Walter Lantz, and church development through stewardship of finances under the leadership of Newell Morgan. We must strengthen and establish well the new work begun last year and then move on to the planting of more new churches as the numbers of the churches in the state respond in their giving.

The purpose of the Convention on Wheels was to clarify our plans, increase the level of giving among our churches and inspire people to greater service and sacrifice for Christ and His Church. We, the members of the teams, desire to thank the 20 churches who were such wonderful hosts to the conventions and our deep appreciation is expressed to the many homes who entertained us while we journeyed from place to place during the ten days in the field.

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The Religious Education Practicum to be directed by Mabel Metze of Indianapolis, will meet January 25—February 5, 1954. Instruction will be for teachers of kindergarten, primary and junior children in the church school. Any who wish to enroll for this Practicum should indicate their desire at once for the number who can be enrolled must be limited by available facilities. Write to Northwest Christian College, Eugene, Ore., for any information desired on this matter.

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A library building at Northwest Christian Colelge is a "must" if we are to provide the best facilities for training our youth for service with the churches. Approval has been given for the College to approach the churches in behalf of funds for this purpose. Your help is earnestly solicited.

NINETY AND NINE MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

—By Ed Dewees

The Blue Mountain District held its regular rally at Hermiston on November 16 with Truman Robbins of Milton-Freewater as guest speaker. Your reporter shared in convention-on-wheels programs in both cities during the preceding week, so did not have the privilege of staying over for the meeting. However, the district is active and looking forward to another great interstate fellowship with the men of Southeast Washington to be held at Pendleton on March 2, 1954.

The men of the Yamhill District met at Newberg on November 16 and it was possible for Claude Bryant, state president, and your reporter to share in a fine fellowship there. The roll call showed an attendance of 84 with every church in the district represented. A fine musical program was presented with Dr. I. R. Root presiding. Lynnton Elwell of Monmouth stirred the men with the urgency of the gospel following a round of good reports from each church. Sheridan will be host church for January 18 rally.

In spite of high water, 60 faithful men gathered at Albany First Christian for a South Willamette District meeting on November 23. Quite a number were literally cut off by flood waters, but will try again at the Scio rally in January. L. O. White, new minister at Lebanon, gave a timely and interesting account of his visit to eight countries of Europe as a member of a group making a study of religious conditions in those countries. He illustrated with a variety of colored slides of cathedrals, castles and other points of special interest in church history.

Everett Cecil, director of Christian House in Corvallis, led singing and Ken Shogren of the Albany First Church favored the men with a vocal solo. Joe Estep, new president of the district, led the business meeting during which Guy Shields of the Eastside Church in Albany was elected to the office of district vice-president. George Wright of Salem, new state vice-president for the Willamette area, was introduced by Brother Estep, and your reporter gave a report on the status of the Millenium Minute Man project.

Oregon City was the host church for a fine turn-out of 160 men in the Northwest District rally held there on November 23. Claude Bryant, paying his first visit to the district as state president, presented the resolutions and budget recommended by the state executive board and these were approved by the district. Progress was reported on the Lake Grove church project and the men were asked to donate labor on the beginning of the building. Kenneth Johnston, minister of the Kern Park Church, brought the message of the evening with one response by confession. (Men, we could witness such responses often if we would bring friends who are outside of Christ and the fellowship we enjoy in the church.)

Brother Patterson, state treasurer, reminds us that we have entered another fiscal year and that those who purchased Kingdom Building Shares last year should consider making another offering whether through their own men's group or church or directly to him at 594 14th Ave. East, Eugene, Oregon. Also, under $100.00 was lacking to complete the MMM call for Prineville as this copy was written. Supporters of the new work to be started at Lake Grove graciously released about $300.-00 given for that project in order that the $1000.00 check could be speeded to the brethren at Prineville to aid in making their new building usable.

Oregon Preachers

Parliament

January 12-14, 1954

Eugene, Oregon

AUTUMN'S SIMILARITY

A moral character is attached to autumnal scenes. The flowers fading like our hopes, the leaves falling like our years, the clouds fleeting like our illusions, the light diminishing like our intelligence, the sun growing colder like our affections, the rivers becoming frozen like our lives—all bear secret relations to our destinies.

ALVADORE PASSES 100 YEAR MARK

The Centennial at the Alvadore Christian Church was held on Sunday, November 8. The building was filled to capacity with 148 signing the guest book. Out of this number, 30 were visitors who had attended this church sometime in the past. Morning services were conducted by the regular minister, Robert Lynn. A pot luck dinner was served to the entire crowd. Later in the afternoon a program of music and reminiscing was enjoyed. Two former pastors of the church, Rev. A. C. Bates of Silverton, Oregon and Otto Crumroy of Eugene each gave a talk. Letters from former pastors unable to be present were read by Mrs. Emil M. Hansen. They were A. L. Kleinfeldt now in Coco, Florida, who was here in 1931; Jasper Haven, Pocatello, Idaho, 1936; H. L. Porter, Hood River, 1937; Norman Brown, Beaverton, 1939; Paul Callahan, Cambridge, Mass., 1942; Paul Collins, Portland, 1943; Rex Jones, Molalla, 1950; and Otis Bell, Bakersfield, California, 1952.

Those present from out of the community who had attended here were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Berger of Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. Don Goodman and family of Salem, Oregon; Mrs. Mary Ritchey, David Fisher and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Ellmaker all of Veneta, Oregon; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Haley of Cascadia, Oregon; Mr. and Mrs. Alva Bond, Eugene; Nellie Ludiker and children of Goshen; Mrs Lillie Beckdoldt of Eugene; Misses Mary and Rebecca Carson of Vancouver, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. John Allen of Franklin; Mrs. Della Purkerson of Eugene; and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hansen, Franklin, Oregon.

The visitors comented on the change and improvement in the building which has been remodeled since they attended, and extended wishs for another 100 years of active service.

The Executive Committee of the Oregon Christian Women's Fellowship is pictured above as they met at the recent State Board meeting at Menucha. Left to right: Edna L. Burke, Mrs. Hugh Ping, Loma Mae Jones (standing), Mrs. John Jordan ,Mrs. Elton Beinedict and Mrs. Ward Rice.

OREGON CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

—By Edna L. Burke

One of the projects for 1953-54 is the building of an Indian church at the Yakima Christian Indian Mission at White Swan, Washington. This is a joint project of the churches of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, a part of the Capital for Kingdom campaign now under way in our brotherhood. Mr. Spencer Austin, Director of Financial Resources of the United Society writes that the well has been dug on the church site, logs have been purchased and are curing and construction will start just as soon as the money is on hand for the church. It is hoped that construction will start by early spring but the time depends upon us. A short time ago Mrs. Clarence Cornhecker, state C.W.F. Service Director, mailed out little Indian tepee bank patterns for the women to make and distribute among the members of the churches. Be sure the children are given banks because they will get a thrill out of helping in this way. If you need more information about the Mission, just write to me and I will be glad to send it to you.

Dr. Dale Fiers, president of the United Christian Missionary Society, has released the annual report for the missionary year July 1, 1952—June 30, 1953. It is contained in Leaven, the bulletin published occasionally by the society. If you have not received the October, 1953 issue of Leaven, write to the Society at 222 S. Downey Ave., requesting how many copies you can use; they are for your information free of charge. Beginning with this issue of The Oregon Christian, I shall give to you some of the highlights of that report. Dr. Fiers made a visit to some of our mission fields following the World Convention in Melbourne, Australia in August of 1952, so he feels better qualified now to continue his work of leading our organized work. Items from his recent report: OUR WORK IN GENERAL — Foreign Division - Baptisms - 9,150 (gain of 4,045 over previous year); church membership - 105,950 (gain of 6,756 over previous year); students in school - 20,447 (gain of 5,263 over previous year); hospital treatments - 747,028 (gain of 61,-257 over previous year); giving of the native church $176,652.22 ((gain of $28,504.96 over previous year); total raised on the field - $479,132.35 (gain of $53,749.92 over previous year). We have 11 mission stations where work is carried on; 39 mission stations in operation; 223 missionaries in active service; 4 special representatives; 2 in South Africa and 2 in Geneva, Switzerland; 2,071 national workers serving on the fields; 26,229,641 total population of fields where active work is being done today; 18 new missionaries were commissioned and sent out last year; 107 missionary candidates now in training for active service. These items have to do with the report of the Foreign Division. Other news concerning the departments of Home Mission and Christian Education will be given in later issues of this paper.

The annual report of Christian Women's Fellowship of the state for the year 1952-53 has been prepared and mailed out to all reporting organizations. It shows very substantial gains in membership, reading and offerings. We are grateful to all who have had a part in last year's victories. To our Heavenly Father goes all of the credit and glory for what we have been able to accomplish. Greater challenges are out ahead so let us press on with increased enthusiasm and zeal.

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Experience is what you get while looking for something else

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The Sunday School teacher asked her class to write down the names of their favorite hymns, and all handed in their slips of paper, except Jane.

"Come, Jane," said the teacher. "Write down the name of your favorite hymn and bring me the paper."

With downcast eyes, Jane handed the teacher a slip of paper bearing the words, "Johnny Smith."

NEWS OF THE CHRISTIAN HOUSES

By Dulcina Elliot

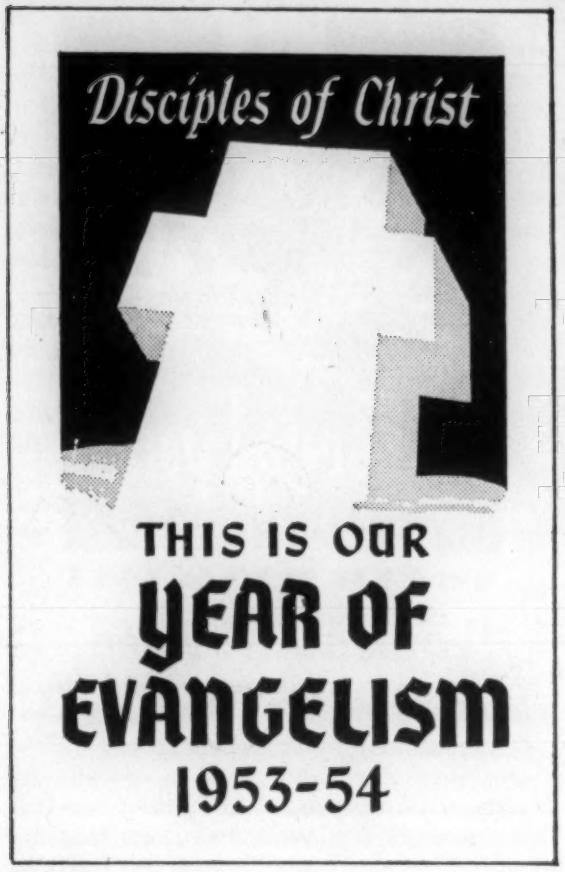
Newly elected members of the Oregon Christian Student Foundation are: Leonard Farr, Coos Bay; A. W. Mortensen, Portland; and Gene Robinson, La Grande. These were nominated by the Turner Convention, and will serve along with the two representatives of the Corvallis Christian House Board, the Eugene Christian House Board, one representative each of the Ninety and Nine Men's group and the Christian Women's Fellowship and the pastors and directors of the two Christian Houses.

Students at the Eugene Christian House have instituted a good program of education in the field of social service. Thus far they have visited the Children's Farm Home at Corvallis, and have held three Sunday evening after-church firesides from 9-10 p.m. with Mr. H. V. Johnson, lawyer, explaining the work of agencies in the United Fund; Mrs. Ray Miller of the Child Welfare Division of Lane County Public Welfare, telling of foster home placement; and Mr. Lloyd Eppenbaugh, superintendent, giving something of the nature and work of the Crippled Children's Hospital School. Miss Genevieve Eachus, Nyssa, is chairman of the project. The next series of evening firesides will be in charge of Bob Griffeth, Eugene, with foreign students attending the University of Oregon as leaders.

Christmas is a time of sharing, and both our student Houses are in urgent need of many added facilities. The Eugene Christian House is about to be without a piano and many other articles of furniture since it has been using mostly borrowed furniture for the past four and a half years. Christmas contributions from individuals, S.S. classes, men's and women's fellowship groups, youth or from classes and churches will be sincerely appreciated. These should be sent designated for piano fund, or furnishings, to the Eugene Christian House, 736 E. 16th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon. Corvallis, too, needs constant replacement of many articles of similar nature. That address is 2305 Monroe Street

Roger Weaver, Salem, has been appointed chairman of the Chapel Committee in Eugene. Through a generous donor and through Christmas sharing gifts of the students themselves, a small room on the main floor is being renovated and furnished as a place of quiet meditation and prayer, and will also be usable for the Thursday morning chapel periods held weekly from 7:30-7:45 a.m. under the leadership of Jean Miller, St. Helens.

A committee of students is working with the adult board members in Eugene on a long-range project of adding to the space at Christian House. Two architecture majors, Wah Chun, Honolulu, and Orville Carroll, Sisters, are drawing plans for the much-needed facilities. Mr. Ernie Graham of the adult board in Eugene is counsellor for the youth committee.



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A man up in court for stealing an automobile was told by the judge that he could either have the case tried by him alone or before a jury of his peers.

"What's peers?" asked the defendant suspiciously.

"Peers are your equals," explained the judge. "They are men of your own class — your own kind."

"You try this case by yourself, judge," said the prisoner. "I don't want to be tried by a bunch of automobile thieves."

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Members of the State Evangelism Commission and visitors are pictured above as they met at the recent Menucha State Board planning retreat, left to right: Clyde Blakley, North Bend; Otto Crumroy, Eugene; Aldis Webb, Tillamook; Ross Griffeth, Eugene; Joe Jewett, Baker; Harold Lyman, Salem; Claude Bryant, Corvallis; Newell Morgan, Eugene; and Chairman Harry Atkins, Dufur.

EVANGELISM RECOMMENDATIONS PASSED AT MENUCHA

The following recommendations were submitted by the Evangelism Commission and passed by the State Board at the recent Menucha meeting:

1. We recommend that the churches of the State strive for a 15% gain in membership during this year, 1953-54, as recommended on a national level.
2. We recommend the following goals in Evangelism to our churches:
   a. July 1 to January 1, a 2% gain in each congregation.
   b. January 1 to April 18 (Easter) , 10% gain.
   c. April 18 to June 30, a 3% gain.
   d. Contact all non-resident members at least by letters, suggesting they take membership where they are.
   e. Contact all churches and ministers about the non-resident members living in their community.
   f. Attempt to have at least 75% of the non-resident members take membership where they are living.
3. We recommend a simultaneous evangelism program culminating in the Easter season (Jan. 1 to April 18):
   a. Every possible church and minister share in a program of comprehensive evangelism.
   b. A protracted meeting, if not in comprehensive evangelism (use both if possible)
   c. The State Board provide leadership on a state level to promote this period of simultaneous evangelism.
4. We request a place on the program of the district conventions for the promoting of evangelistic methods.
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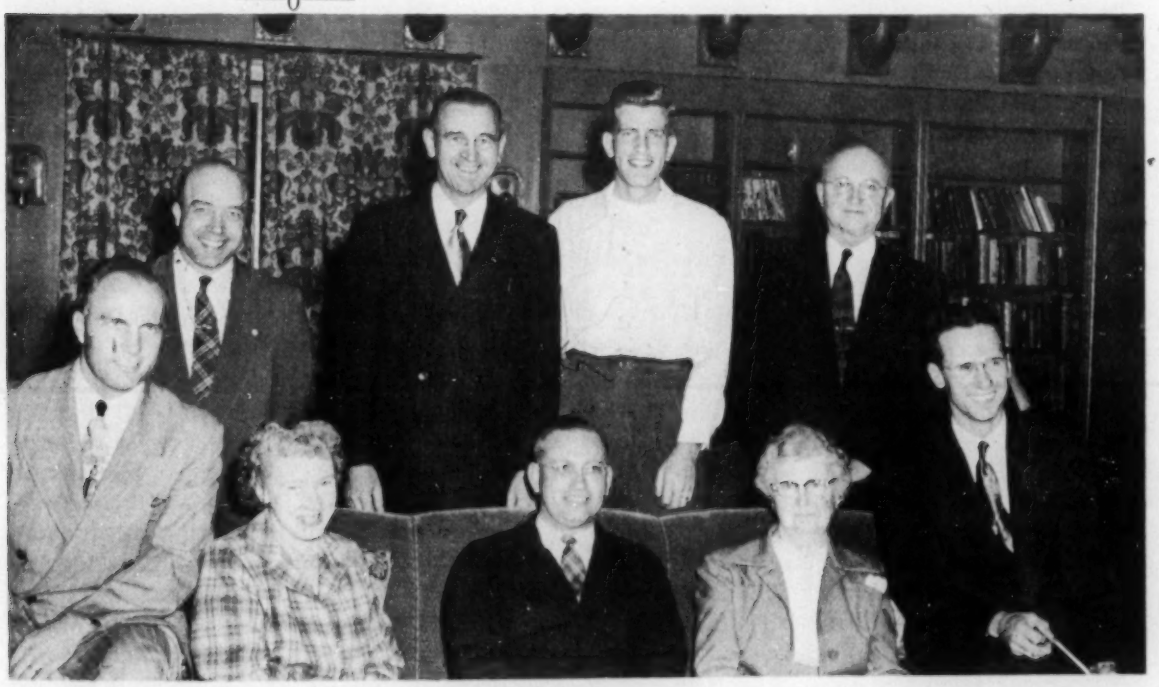

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OREGON CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

—By Edna L. Burke

One of the projects for 1953-54 is the building of an Indian church at the Yakima Christian Indian Mission at White Swan, Washington. This is a joint project of the churches of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, a part of the Capital for Kingdom campaign now under way in our brotherhood. Mr. Spencer Austin, Director of Financial Resources of the United Society writes that the well has been dug on the church site, logs have been purchased and are curing and construction will start just as soon as the money is on hand for the church. It is hoped that construction will start by early spring but the time depends upon us. A short time ago Mrs. Clarence Cornhecker, state C.W.F. Service Director, mailed out little Indian tepee bank patterns for the women to make and distribute among the members of the churches. Be sure the children are given banks because they will get a thrill out of helping in this way. If you need more information about the Mission, just write to me and I will be glad to send it to you.

Dr. Dale Fiers, president of the United Christian Missionary Society, has released the annual report for the missionary year July 1, 1952—June 30, 1953. It is contained in Leaven, the bulletin published occasionally by the society. If you have not received the October, 1953 issue of Leaven, write to the Society at 222 S. Downey Ave., requesting how many copies you can use; they are for your information free of charge. Beginning with this issue of The Oregon Christian, I shall give to you some of the highlights of that report. Dr. Fiers made a visit to some of our mission fields following the World Convention in Melbourne, Australia in August of 1952, so he feels better qualified now to continue his work of leading our organized work. Items from his recent report: OUR WORK IN GENERAL — Foreign Division - Baptisms - 9,150 (gain of 4,045 over previous year); church membership - 105,950 (gain of 6,756 over previous year); students in school - 20,447 (gain of 5,263 over previous year); hospital treatments - 747,028 (gain of 61,-257 over previous year); giving of the native church $176,652.22 ((gain of $28,504.96 over previous year); total raised on the field - $479,132.35 (gain of $53,749.92 over previous year). We have 11 mission stations where work is carried on; 39 mission stations in operation; 223 missionaries in active service; 4 special representatives; 2 in South Africa and 2 in Geneva, Switzerland; 2,071 national workers serving on the fields; 26,229,641 total population of fields where active work is being done today; 18 new missionaries were commissioned and sent out last year; 107 missionary candidates now in training for active service. These items have to do with the report of the Foreign Division. Other news concerning the departments of Home Mission and Christian Education will be given in later issues of this paper.

The annual report of Christian Women's Fellowship of the state for the year 1952-53 has been prepared and mailed out to all reporting organizations. It shows very substantial gains in membership, reading and offerings. We are grateful to all who have had a part in last year's victories. To our Heavenly Father goes all of the credit and glory for what we have been able to accomplish. Greater challenges are out ahead so let us press on with increased enthusiasm and zeal.

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The Sunday School teacher asked her class to write down the names of their favorite hymns, and all handed in their slips of paper, except Jane.

"Come, Jane," said the teacher. "Write down the name of your favorite hymn and bring me the paper."

With downcast eyes, Jane handed the teacher a slip of paper bearing the words, "Johnny Smith."

NEWS OF THE CHRISTIAN HOUSES

By Dulcina Elliot

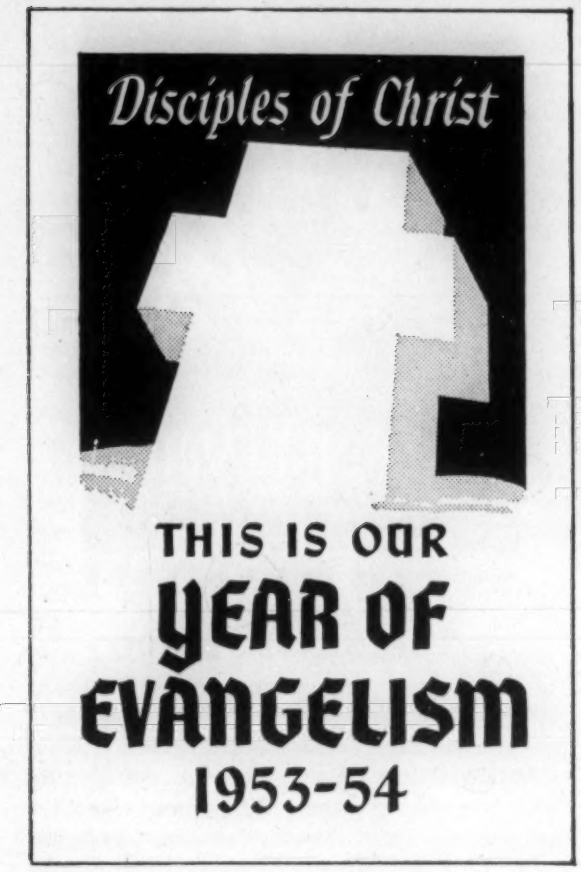
Newly elected members of the Oregon Christian Student Foundation are: Leonard Farr, Coos Bay; A. W. Mortensen, Portland; and Gene Robinson, La Grande. These were nominated by the Turner Convention, and will serve along with the two representatives of the Corvallis Christian House Board, the Eugene Christian House Board, one representative each of the Ninety and Nine Men's group and the Christian Women's Fellowship and the pastors and directors of the two Christian Houses.

Students at the Eugene Christian House have instituted a good program of education in the field of social service. Thus far they have visited the Children's Farm Home at Corvallis, and have held three Sunday evening after-church firesides from 9-10 p.m. with Mr. H. V. Johnson, lawyer, explaining the work of agencies in the United Fund; Mrs. Ray Miller of the Child Welfare Division of Lane County Public Welfare, telling of foster home placement; and Mr. Lloyd Eppenbaugh, superintendent, giving something of the nature and work of the Crippled Children's Hospital School. Miss Genevieve Eachus, Nyssa, is chairman of the project. The next series of evening firesides will be in charge of Bob Griffeth, Eugene, with foreign students attending the University of Oregon as leaders.

Christmas is a time of sharing, and both our student Houses are in urgent need of many added facilities. The Eugene Christian House is about to be without a piano and many other articles of furniture since it has been using mostly borrowed furniture for the past four and a half years. Christmas contributions from individuals, S.S. classes, men's and women's fellowship groups, youth or from classes and churches will be sincerely appreciated. These should be sent designated for piano fund, or furnishings, to the Eugene Christian House, 736 E. 16th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon. Corvallis, too, needs constant replacement of many articles of similar nature. That address is 2305 Monroe Street

Roger Weaver, Salem, has been appointed chairman of the Chapel Committee in Eugene. Through a generous donor and through Christmas sharing gifts of the students themselves, a small room on the main floor is being renovated and furnished as a place of quiet meditation and prayer, and will also be usable for the Thursday morning chapel periods held weekly from 7:30-7:45 a.m. under the leadership of Jean Miller, St. Helens.

A committee of students is working with the adult board members in Eugene on a long-range project of adding to the space at Christian House. Two architecture majors, Wah Chun, Honolulu, and Orville Carroll, Sisters, are drawing plans for the much-needed facilities. Mr. Ernie Graham of the adult board in Eugene is counsellor for the youth committee.



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A man up in court for stealing an automobile was told by the judge that he could either have the case tried by him alone or before a jury of his peers.

"What's peers?" asked the defendant suspiciously.

"Peers are your equals," explained the judge. "They are men of your own class — your own kind."

"You try this case by yourself, judge," said the prisoner. "I don't want to be tried by a bunch of automobile thieves."

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Members of the State Evangelism Commission and visitors are pictured above as they met at the recent Menucha State Board planning retreat, left to right: Clyde Blakley, North Bend; Otto Crumroy, Eugene; Aldis Webb, Tillamook; Ross Griffeth, Eugene; Joe Jewett, Baker; Harold Lyman, Salem; Claude Bryant, Corvallis; Newell Morgan, Eugene; and Chairman Harry Atkins, Dufur.

EVANGELISM RECOMMENDATIONS PASSED AT MENUCHA

The following recommendations were submitted by the Evangelism Commission and passed by the State Board at the recent Menucha meeting:

1. We recommend that the churches of the State strive for a 15% gain in membership during this year, 1953-54, as recommended on a national level.
2. We recommend the following goals in Evangelism to our churches:
   a. July 1 to January 1, a 2% gain in each congregation.
   b. January 1 to April 18 (Easter) , 10% gain.
   c. April 18 to June 30, a 3% gain.
   d. Contact all non-resident members at least by letters, suggesting they take membership where they are.
   e. Contact all churches and ministers about the non-resident members living in their community.
   f. Attempt to have at least 75% of the non-resident members take membership where they are living.
3. We recommend a simultaneous evangelism program culminating in the Easter season (Jan. 1 to April 18):
   a. Every possible church and minister share in a program of comprehensive evangelism.
   b. A protracted meeting, if not in comprehensive evangelism (use both if possible)
   c. The State Board provide leadership on a state level to promote this period of simultaneous evangelism.
4. We request a place on the program of the district conventions for the promoting of evangelistic methods.
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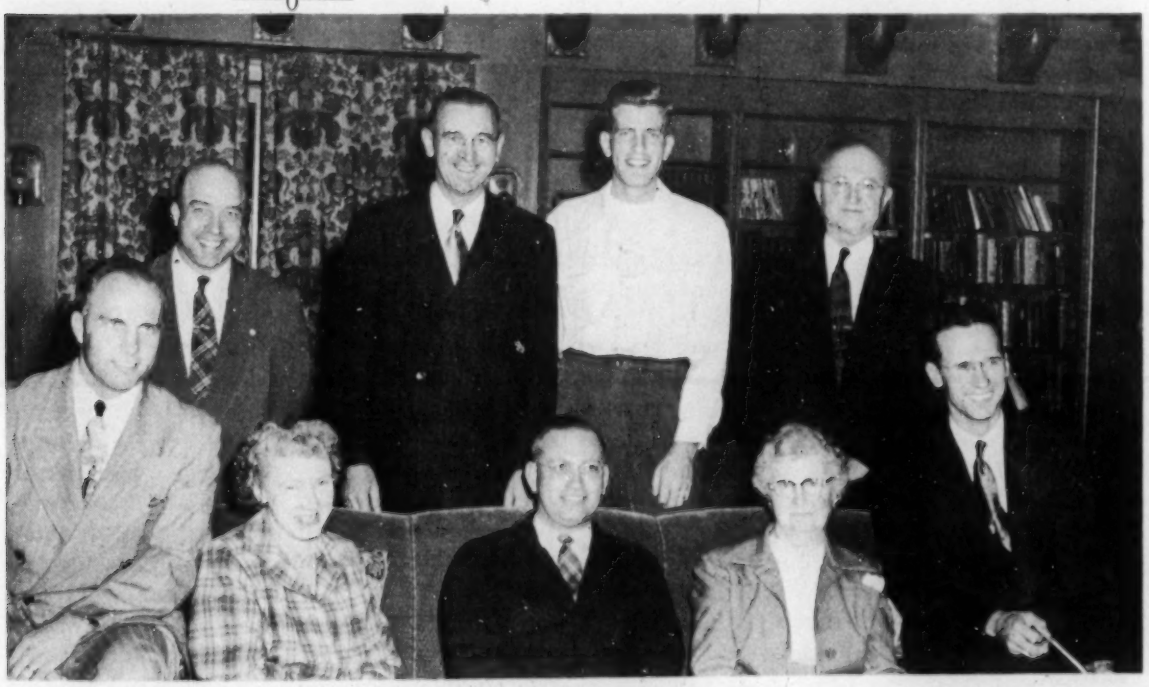

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EDUCATION COMMISSION LAUNCHES PROGRAM

The State Commission on Christian Education of the Oregon Christian Missionary Convention, was happy to present to the State Board at its Menucha meeting, Mr. Walter Lantz, the new Director of Christian Education for the Convention and the churches of Oregon. Mr. Lantz began his work on October 1, with offices located in conjunction with the State Office, 512 Panama Building, Portland. In a statement made to the State Board concerning his work, the Education Commission pointed out that Mr. Lantz is charged with the general administration of our State Educational Program. It was also indicated that he would be available to conduct educational work in and with local churches. A brochure describing his work will be issued and made available to the churches in the near future.

It is one of the desires of the Commission to set up during the year, a strong program of Leadership Training and Membership Development. To aid in this process, the Commission is now working on the leadership for the adult section of the educational work.

On January 18 and 19, the Commission will sponsor a Christian Education Retreat at Menucha. This retreat will bring together 70 persons in the fields of children, youth and adult work, besides a small number in the field of educational administration. Leadership for the retreat to be supplied with brotherhood personalities from Indianapolis will consist of Miss Mabel Metze (children's division), Mr. James Ballinger (youth division), Mr. J. D. Montgomery (adult division), and Mr. Morris Pullin (educational administration). It is the purpose of this retreat to give training to a group of persons in this state who can then be of assistance in developing programs in these fields in the various areas of our state. Further details concerning the retreat will be released in the near future.

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JESSE M. BADER RETIRES FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

On December 31 of this year, Jesse M. Bader retires from his present position as Executive Director of the Joint Department of Evangelism of the National Council of Churches. He has served in this Department for 22 years, giving wise and aggressive leadership in evangelism to 30 denominations numbering 35,000,000 members.

Prior to his going to the Federal Council of Churches in 1932, Dr. Bader was the secretary of evangelism of the United Christian Missionary Society of our own Brotherhood. This man has given 35 years to this primary work of the church—Evangelism. It is not surprising, therefore, that he is called "Mr. Evangelism", or that **Christian Herald** published an article about him recently entitled, "Evangelism's Quarterback."

Many of Dr. Bader's friends, of whom there are so many around the world, are inquiring what he expects to do after his retirement from the Council at the end of this year. He himself says, "I'm not going to be 'retired' but rather 'retreaded'." The Executive Committee of our World Convention voted at its meeting on last October 6, that he should give full time to the World Convention of our Brotherhood, beginning January 1 of next year and that he should open a World Convention headquarters office in New York City. All this is wonderful news for it means that our World Brotherhood is to have the full time services of Dr. Bader and it also means that the opening of a headquarters office for the World Convention will give added permanency to this worthy and needed organization among us. As many in our Brotherhood already know, Jesse Bader originated the World Convention which held its first meeting in 1930 in Washington, D.C. Since that time he has been its General Secretary, serving in this capacity for 23 years without salary.

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Materials including worship services, posters, radio and TV programs, suggestions for other programs throughout the week can be purchased from the National Council of Churches, 79 E. Adams, Chicago 3, Illinois (ask for Youth Week Packet - 50c); and Christian Endeavor Packet from the Oregon Christian Endeavor Union, 303 Davis Building, Portland 4, Oregon.

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FOREST GROVE: Church cooperated in community religious census the last Sunday in October. Observed harvest home festival on Nov. 1 when 736 quarts of fruit and vegetables were dedicated and given to Beaverton and White Swan. At the annual Bible School teacher and officer recognition service, the names of 12 people having completed the first leadership training course were presented. 87 paid registrations of young people at the Northwest area youth meet and 13 young people attended unregistered. 15 adult sponsers and leaders shared in the meet. Fire escape facilities have been completed from the third floor and the plaster has been refinished in the youth room. Church cooperating in the Religion in American life, Bible School and church attendance publicity campaign. Bible School offering for Unified promotion was $81.86. 6 added by baptism, 4 otherwise. John Boosinger, minister.

PORTLAND-SELLWOOD: Robert Clevenger has been called as pastor and began his pastorate November 15. Evening services began December 6 having been discontinued since April. 1 added by statement. **SALEM-GARDEN ROAD:** All past attendance records broken on November 22 with 92 in Bible school, 70 in morning worship and 68 in evening service. Dedication of first unit of building is set for December 6. 7 added by statement. **SWEET HOME:** Meeting closed with Larry Baird November 8. In all there were about 50 responses . . . five yet to be baptized and about 29 reconsecrations. Average attendance in Bible school in November was 286. Trying for 300 average in December. 11 added by baptism, 6 otherwise. B. Ross Evans, minister.

PORTLAND - PARKROSE: Held one week of preaching in November with Tom Courtney as evangelist. A new member dinner held November 20. Mother's Club being organized to serve the church in nursery care. 14 added by baptism, 1 otherwise. **NYSSA:** One member added by statement, another by confession awaiting baptism. Monte Smith is preaching on Sundays serving as ad interim for the next few months. He is bringing splendid sermons and attendance and interest is growing. He is leading Youth Fellowship since reorganizing that group. J. C. Smith, reporter.

ELGIN: Minister Les Ashford now vacationing in Southern California. Spoke twice at annual homecoming of First Church in San Fernando which is home church of Les and wife, Twila. 3 added by baptism, 4 by transfer. **AMITY:** Mr. and Mrs. James Matthew Alley began their ministry with the Amity church on November 1. They were honored at a reception given by the church on Friday evening November 20. For the past few weeks the auditorium has been filled for the evening services. **MEDFORD-CENTRAL:** Installed new P.A. system for Mother's and babies' room. 4 added by baptism. E. J. Gilstrap, minister.

FLORENCE: Painted most of church—now rain has stopped us. Planning for evangelistic meeting Jan. 17-24 with Willie White; Clyde Blakley assisting in calling campaign. Good interest on part of congregation. Have set 9:00 a.m. aside as the hour of prayer every day from now till close of meeting. 3 added by baptism, 3 otherwise. C. Wayne Osborne, minister. **PORTLAND - SOUTHEAST:** Gene Chamberlain, minister, held meeting in Anacortes, Washington with Adrian Fraley. 9 added. Church here is currently engaged in a program to finish the kitchen area of the church building. 1 added by statement.

JUNCTION CITY: Newly organized Junior Choir sings for shut-ins once a month on a Sunday afternoon. They presented a playlet, "The First Thanksgiving," on Nov. 22. Mrs. Wm. Cosby (Connie Cook) an NCC graduate, is now the sponsor for youth group. Minister I. M. Nelson attended World Fellowship Youth Meet at Corvallis and conducted a workshop on worship. **NORTH BEND:** 3 basketball teams being formed to join local church leagues. Youth group outstanding, outnumbering adult attendance two to one, at some church services. Entire Bible School offering, Sunday before Thanksgiving, divided equally between NCC and state missions. Pastor Clyde Blakley and 3 elders attended a business meeting at the Christian church, Reedsport, which is being organized under sponsorship of North Bend 90 & 9 delegation. Situation there looks favorable. 2 added by statement. **JEFFERSON:** Calling campaign has been started and a two week evangelistic meeting held with Teddy Leavitt, Nov. 29-Dec. 13. Church planning on having a team in the Central Basketball League. Sunday school attendance above last year. Mrs. Virgil Bailes, reporter.

VAUGHN: Just finished a two week meeting with B. Ross Evans evangelist. Mrs. Evans song leader and soloist, Vivien Tripplet, pianist. Received a great spiritual uplifting. 18 made good confession and 7 placed membership. Sunday school attendance in past 3 months has been in high 70's. Remodeling our building—a new baptistry, new choir chairs, new pulpit. Other improvements are planned. Fredrick R. Evans, minister.

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ASHLAND: Entertained convention on wheels—November 9. Gideon's dedicated 2000 youth testaments for distribution in Jackson and Josephine counties at evening service October 25. N. J. Reasoner, who received the challenge in this church to be a minister, spoke the evening of November 1. 1 added by statement. Earl F. Downing, minister. **THE DALLES:** L. O. Leet closed stewardship evangelism crusade November 22. 442 total attendance on Victory Sunday. 214 tithers signed out of possible 297, or 72%. Church very happy— spiritual level much higher. Had 100% plus attendance victory Sunday. 6 added by baptism, 6 otherwise. Wm. C. Piper, minister.

WINSTON: We now have heat in the new addition and are having work nights several nights a week to finish it on the inside. The high school class has challenged the adults to finish the downstairs before they finish the upstairs part. High school class is ahead at the present time. The minister ordained at Molalla November 29. Planning to have meeting of the men to organize a local men's 90 & 9 fellowship. 1 added by baptism. **ASTORIA:** Coast District 90 & 9 men met here on November 20. Shirley and Janice Romsos gave instrumental and vocal duets, John H. Grocott sang a solo and 6 boys gave trumpet numbers. Speaker was Clyde Woods, local Baptist minister. 2 added by statement. Albert Kribs, minister.

LIBERTY: Attendance at all services has been rapidly growing, with as many as 11 for S. S., 50 for evening services and 24 for midweek service. At least two S.S. classes have outgrown their classrooms, forcing two of the classes to join in the sanctuary. New class being added of college age. 3 added by statement. Wayne Bryant, minister. **SPRINGFIELD-MT. VERNON:** "The Hidden Heart" was shown at the Nov. business meeting. Phillip Calef of N.C.C. chosen as youth director and to assist with music. Inside restrooms finished and in use. Several car loads of members drove out near Elmira Nov. 7 and gave housewarming to Jack Warren family who recently moved there from Springfield. He is an elder and our church sec.-treas. Church was represented at the Lane County Convention at Thurston and the Convention on Wheels at Springfield First Christian. Newly organized adult bible class held 1st business meeting and party November 13. Adopted pantry plan to collect food for needy. Minister, Kenneth Smith. Mrs. W. M. Sawyer, reporter.

SALEM-FIRST: Chi Rho and CYF retreats held recently at Harmony Lodge. Christian Literature Week observed with extensive displays. Dr. Cyrus Yocum recent pulpit guest. Church host to 99 district meeting. Dr. Guy Wright was guest of CWF and church friends for Bible lecture on November 18. 1 added by statement. Donald Payne, ad interim minister. **ALBANY:** Successful school of Christian living concluded with average attendance of 68, with Corvallis and Lebanon churches cooperating. Five sessions were held with four classes each night. Hope to make this an annual feature of the work in this area. Building at Eastside church progresses with the walls now going up. Lester Jones, minister.

SISTERS: Plans for building addition under way. Garage built for parsonage. Attendance at high level. Thanksgiving service to be held. 2 added by baptism. T. H. Baker, minister. **BEND:** Two year ministry of Wm. Henry Hart closed on November 13. Unanimous call to Fairview Church in Wichita, Kansas, has been accepted by ministers Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Henry Hart. Before leaving they held a meeting in Myrtle Point. Fairview has a Living Link Missionary, full time youth minister and a challenging program and future. Total additions during two year ministry are 75 by baptism, and 71 otherwise. The Hart's "leave the fine folk of Oregon with all our love." **HALFWAY:** Floyd Mackler, graduate of Minnesota Bible College '53 class, has been called to be pastor and began his ministry the second Sunday of December. He and wife Ardith and year old daughter have been working with Boise Christian Home Trade School since coming west last summer. Past Minister E. H. Wiidanen will undergo dental surgery and medical attention in Portland after Thanksgiving— future indefinite. Mrs. Wiidanen will continue teaching in elementary school through spring term. Mr. Wiidanen has served the church here 5½ years. I added by baptism.

EUGENE-ALLISON PARK: We are using our addition to our building which provides 6 beautiful new classrooms, a storage room and a new oil furnace which gives good heat to the whole unit. Have a nice choir serving every Lord's Day. 2 added by baptism, 5 otherwise. Joe Wagnon, minister. **EUGENE-FIRST:** Fellowship dinner held Nov. 18 with large crowd, honoring new members who have come into the church since June. Harold Lyman, minister of Court St. Christian Church, Salem, was the speaker using for his topic, "What Is The Church?" James Cornett, Associate Minister, has resigned and will be leaving Dec. 31. Mr. Cornett has made a fine contribution to our congregation, also, the state. His wife, Alice, will be greatly missed too for her splended work as nursery superintendent and activity in the Christian Women's Fellowship. Dr. Roberts, minister, attended joint meetings of the Board of Managers and Trustees of the United Christian Missionary Society November 17-20 at Indianapolis. While there he visited a number of our students attending Butler University. 1 added by baptism, 3 otherwise.

COQUILLE: New minister of music, Oscar E. Carlson, has begun with music of church. New building program progressing nicely. Bible school average for September was 211, for Oct. was 207. Church was host to national visitation team; minister Walter Naff served on convention on wheels team. Planning school of Christian stewardship with Kenneth Johnston in February. 1 added by statement.

PERRYDALE: Attendance held up very well during the summer months and we are now seeking to have a banner year in work for the Lord. 5 added by baptism. R. A. Perry, minister. **GLENDALE:** Having a successful Bible study on Saturday nights. 1 added by statement. **OREGON CITY:** Annual reading of the New Testament on Thanksgiving Day. Starts at 5:00 a.m. and finishes about 8:30 p.m. Whole church takes part. Observing week of sharing — also Christian literature week. 3 added by baptism, 2 otherwise. Howard Hutchins, minister.

GOLD HILL: Purchased a good lot anticipating building. Pianist, Mrs. Marion Ackley, leading rehearsals for inter-church Christmas cantata. Starting a C. E. under leadership of the Mortons. 2 added by baptism, 3 otherwise. **GLADSTONE:** Financial committee chosen to study giving in local congregation and to encourage higher level of stewardship. Lee Hoffman selected to be chairman. East wall of sanctuary recently plastered and folding doors into new educational annex to be installed soon. S. H. (Jerry) Rankin is building sup't. 1 added by statement. N. E. Cole, minister.

POWELL BUTTE: On Nov. 11 were hosts to the 2nd annual Convention on Wheels. 135 people from Bend, Redmond, Prineville, Culver and Madras at dinner with 175 people attending the evening service in the new sanctuary of the Powell Butte church. A very successful Lord's Acre Day netted the building fund $6202.00, the largest sum ever received from the sale in any of the previous 7 years. Church is growing in all services with the high school youth leading with 30-35 in attendance. We have just begun a Junior CE as well as an adult Endeavor study group each Sunday evening at 7:00. Participated with central Oregon churches in Elder's school Nov. 23-24 in Redmond Christian church, Newell Morgan teaching. D. L. Penhollow, pastor.

GATES: Held evangelistic meetings recently during which 250 bulletins were distributed throughout the community by personal calling. Held special Thanksgiving services Nov. 22. Each Sunday school class will participate in an all S.S. program. The Sunday school is running a contest until the last Sunday in December. Points are given for attendance, Bible reading, bringing someone, etc. 1 added by statement. David Arnold, pastor. **MYRTLE CREEK:** Have started another church at Cedar Grove Bible School on North Myrtle Road a few miles from Myrtle Creek, Oregon under the auspices of the First Christian Church of Myrtle Creek, Oregon. There were 46 the first Sunday. Dorsey E. Dent is the minister there. 2 added by statement.

ROSEBURG - WESTSIDE: 69 persons have been received as charter members of the new West Side church so far. Bible school is averaging 115 to 120 per Sunday. Harry Chapin of Oakridge became resident pastor of the church December 1. Buildings and grounds are being improved as time and money permit. Ward A. Rice, temporary pastor. **OAKRIDGE:** Twenty-one were added on Decision Day, Nov. 15, 15 by baptism and 6 by transfer. A week of preach-

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ing followed Decision Day with pastor Harry Chapin bringing the messages. **MYRTLE POINT:** 2 added by statement, 3 rededications.

PORTLAND-ST. JOHNS: A series of sermons entitled "From His Life" was begun November 15. Since the series is based on Isaiah 53, the congregation is being urged to memorize that chapter. This congregation was host to the churches of St. Johns at the Union Thanksgiving Service. The Youth Night for November was an interpretation of the Lord's Prayer through narration, hymns and living pictures. The young people are working on the play, "No Room in the Hotel," by Dorothy Clarke Wilson, for presentation the Sunday before Christmas. Another Christmas project is a tableau which will be given nightly during Christmas week at Columbia Park. The high school boys are participating in the city church league basketball. Jess Johnson, minister.

ST. HELENS: The Bible School contest with Garfield Park Church, Santa Cruz, California, closed with Rally Day, October 4 and St. Helens won by small margin. The prize was a $12.00 building block. Bible school average for October, 193. Minister R. L. Putnam attended state planning conference at Menucha. Past month Christian stewardship was emphasized in morning sermons and restoration movement in the evening, on Lord's Days. Greater interest in choir. Harold Rowe, high school band leader has agreed to be temporary director, until January 1, with prospect of continuing in 1954. Thanksgiving offering in Bible school was designated for religious education in Oregon. 2 added by baptism, 2 otherwise. **PORTLAND - KERN PARK:** Church is making progress at all levels. The month of stewardship in October was climaxed with a decision service October 25. 140 signed tithing cards. 5 added by baptism, 16 otherwise during period from Sept. 27-Nov. 15. Kenneth Johnston, minister.

PORTLAND - MALLORY AVENUE: Church school attendance averaged 15% above previous year during 1952-53. On Nov. 12 and 22 attendance was 13% above last year's gains. Church school offering for Christian Education Nov. 22 was $206.04, $99.99 above a year ago. 6 added by statement. Hubert E. Sias, minister. **SUTHERLIN:** Youth Rally Nov. 20 with Bob Ellis preaching, Eugene Cecil leading song service - both NCC students. Nov. 22 was Men's Sunday. E. W. Blehm of Harrisburg was guest speaker for the morning service. Potluck lunch followed. 1 added by baptism. **ROSEBURG:** Entertained good crowds for the first county singing convention, Sunday afternoon and evening, Nov. 1. Talent from many churches, both vocal and instrumental with poetry selections by Elmer Newton, Ashland. Also were hosts to the State Convention of the W.C.T.U. Bowling team in 2nd place in city league. 1 added by baptism, 3 transfers and 2 reconsecrations. R. V. Kleinfeldt, pastor.

PORTLAND - FIRST: James A. Warren, Paducah, Kentucky, called as Associate Minister. Served for 15 years as minister in Church of Christ (non-instrumental) in middle west. Graduate of Harding College McCormick Seminary and one year a Fellow in American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem. Dorothy J. Parker, Lewiston, Idaho, serving as secretary-director will supervise youth program. C.F. Swander and A. F. VanSlyke recently elected elders emeritas. School of Christian Living in its twelfth year and going strong. 2 added by baptism, 2 otherwise. Myron C. Cole, minister.

McMINNVILLE: L. O. Leet National Stewardship Evangelism Team closed successful twelve-day meeting here Sunday, November 8. This was their 216th Crusade. Our Bible school had 337 in attendance. It was the 77th to reach 100% attendance of enrollment, and 20th to reach 100% plus. 120 signed tithing covenant cards. Six additions, 3 by baptism, 3 otherwise. Elery A. Parrish, minister. **CORBETT:** Following the resignation of Edwin Beem, the Corbett church called G. E. Williams to supply until another pastor can be secured. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are already on the field, and the work is moving along about the same as usual. New building improvement is progressing. Geo. H. Chamberlain, elder.

BURNS: Bible school averaged 165 per Sunday for November. We entertained the 5th Sunday assembly meeting in our church Sunday Nov. 29. Youth group conducted the worship program for the youth session. 2 added by baptism, 2 otherwise. Len B. Fishback, minister.

EUGENE - FAIRMOUNT: Elders' shepherding program in operation and working effectively. A visitation evangelism campaign is planned for January. The film, "Where Do Preachers Come From," was shown on Nov. 29 and annual election of officers was held at a fellowship dinner on November 30. Work on new building continues to progress. 1 added by baptism, 4 otherwise. Leo Woodruff, minister.

LIBERTY - SALEM: Mr. Ed Whistler chose Liberty Church of Christ to use in the making of his latest technicolor sound film of rural Christian churches. The pastor, Mr. Wayne Bryant and his wife, organist Mrs. Mabel Austin, and the choir were used in the picture, which is now finished, and being shown around the churches. Bible school attendance averaged 114 the past month, church attendance greatly increased, Sunday night attendance doubled. A teacher training class has been organized — also a Bible School class for college age and younger married people. Increased interest is being shown in Thursday evening Bible study and prayer meeting, with pastor Wayne Bryant leading the study on Strengthening the Spiritual Life. 3 added by statement. Mrs. Ruby Largent, reporter.

NEWPORT: Anna Rose Morgan conducted a five day training course for Bible school teachers in November resulting in much good for all concerned. The church entertained the Convention on Wheels, November 4, and enjoyed messages and challenges presented by Charles Addleman, Walter Lantz, Walter Naff, and Claude Bryant. Participated in Homecoming Day celebration at the Toledo church. NCC quartet presented fine concert Nov. 8 and Ed Eldridge presented the needs of the college resulting in offering of $47.00.

Church participated in the Union Thanksgiving service and the community Christmas concert the Sunday before Christmas. Ray Smith, minister. **TILLAMOOK:** Nov. 7 took youth choir to Beaverton Home where they gave a concert; young people had charge of the evening service Nov. 22 presenting their annual "Living Pictures." All Bible classes higher than last year at this time. An all time high of 104 in the beginners Dept. Nov. 8. 147 present in Fellowship Hour, Nov. 22.

DAYTON: Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Will presented a Hammond memorial organ to the congregation, Sunday, November 29 in honor and memory of Jennie and Ella Will. Mr. Will is chairman of the church board. A newly organized junior choral group made their first appearance during the Bible School hour, Sunday, November 22. The group numbers 15 children of the Junior Bible classes and promises to be a welcome addition to the coming Christmas season choral work. Mid-week prayer meetings have noted a marked growth through November with a thorough-going study on the Function of the Holy Spirit in The Life of the Believer, drawing new friends. Bob Mulkey, minister.

MILTON-FREEWATER: State Convention on Wheels met here Nov. 9 with Ed Dewees and Newell Morgan. Mrs. Ward Rice, State CWF President conducted an all-day planning meeting with the women Nov. 20. 10 men with pastor, Truman Robbins as guest speaker, attended district 90 & 9 men's meeting at Hermiston. Mr. Robbins, minister, was recently chosen president of Milton-Freewater Ministerial Association. New ministers of music, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hill, have volunteered their services and a new High School choir is being organized. Large delegation attended the District C. E. Convention at Hermiston, December 4-5. 9 added by baptism, 1 otherwise.

BAKER: A new cinder-block garage has been built for the parsonage. Currently rebuilding the parsonage basement making it into a large class-room for the junior high school department. Held sixth annual birthday dinner and party for the church with a large attendance and a $244.00 offering to be added to the church building fund. 2 added by baptism. Joe Jewett, minister. **VALE:** Started Bible school and church attendance contest with Ontario November 22 to continue until Jan. 31, 1954. Total attendance at three services on the Lord's Day to decide winner. 6 added by baptism, 3 otherwise. Eldon L. Milton, minister.

NORTH PLAINS: Church is conducting visitation calling for conservatioh of new members and contacting prospects. The churches new parsonage is over half completed. The members have furnished material and labor and have enjoyed fellowship at dinners served by the ladies of the church on work days. NEEDED: a used outside bulletin board, glass front and lettering. Contact John Myers, Box 96, North Plains, Oregon. Using hobby craft with our junior age in Bible school, with a Christian emphasis. Mrs. Chamberlain is their instructor. 2 added by baptism. John Myers, minister.

SPRINGFIELD: Since Oct. 1, additions: Baptism, 1; transfer, 8; student membership, 2. Entertained Convention-on-Wheels. Pastor, Ernest Worden, preached at Linn County and Lane County conventions. Had 23 youth and 3 adults at district youth meet at Corvallis. Pastor preached at Union Thanksgiving service.

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